

Serial No. : 09/151,531
Filed : 09/11/98

thereof. [The apparatus of claim 7 wherein] said main and cover discs are coupled by one of said discs including a ferromagnetic element and the other including a magnetic element[.];

means for rotating the disc to accept disc bodies in said opening and said space for discharge thereof; and

means for adjusting said space to accept disc bodies of differing thicknesses.

(Amended) The apparatus of claim [7] ³/₈ wherein said cover disc includes a protruding pin adapted to stir said disc bodies.

Please add the following new claim.

⁵/₁₀ 12. (New) The apparatus of claim ⁵/₁₀ wherein said elevation body and operation body projections have a saw-tooth configuration.--

REMARKS

By this amendment, the applicants have canceled claims 1-3, and 6-7 have been canceled, claims 4, 8 and 9 have been amended and new claim 12 has been added. Claims 4, 5, 8-11 and new claim 12 are presented in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Claims 5 and 9 depend from claims 4 and 8 and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 10 and 11 have been indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 4, 5, and 8-11 are in condition for allowance.

Serial No. : 09/151,531
Filed : 09/11/98

New claim 12 depends from claim 10 to recite that the elevation body and operation body have a saw-tooth configuration. In view of the remarks above and the failure of the cited art to disclose the features of claim 12, allowance of claim 12 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are now believed to be condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that the telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application on the merits, the undersigned respectfully requests an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

QUIRK & TRATOS

Dated: March 29, 2000

By: _____

Philip J. Anderson
Registration No. 29,887
Attorney of Record
Suite 500N
3773 Howard Hughes Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89109
(702) 792-3773

apatentlasahi9814res.aa